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W9RH CLUB CALL

SEP - 1994

THE NEXT MRAC MEETING

Date: **Thursday - THU - SEPTEMBER 29th, 1994**

Time: **7:30 P.M.**

Place: **Wauwatosa Savings and Loan at 7500 W. State in Wauwatosa, WI**

Program: **Video on the OutBacker Antenna AND a discussion of various HF antennas (Ed's bringing in some examples. Also a Raffle of some "Electronics Treasures".**

October Meeting: **THU- Oct.27 ,1994**

November meeting: **WED - Nov. 23 - Due to Thanksgiving.**

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MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
DAILY	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club (SSB)
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	7:00 PM	442.200	General Racine N9OEE rep.General
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. Net (CW)
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	8:45 PM	28.400	W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net(SSB)
FRI	9:15 PM	147.045	W9RH 2 mtr net following the 10 mtr net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	8:30AM	3.985	QCWA - (Chptr. 55) (SSB)
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho KA9OFA. 344-4694 or call 466-HAMS.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Dear Readers,

We have three significant events comming up in the next couple of months:

1) MRAC 2nd Chance Special Event Station. Please see page 4 in this issue.

2) Dues will be coming due SOON! Application to appear in the October issue.

3) Christmas and 75th Birthday Party for MRAC. Registration blank appears on page 5 this issue. Page 6 is blank so you don't have to iradicate any news in order to register.

Please register early!

We also need door prizes and ideas for entertainment.

This meeting should be interesting. We'll have a video on the OutBacker Antenna and also a discussion of other HF antennas.

I hope to see you at the meeting on the 29th, the Special event station at Pioneer Village on October 8th, Meeting on TUE - November 23rd, and the Christmas / 75th Birthday Party on SUN - December 11th.

We're going to finish this year with a lot of good activities.

Y'all Come!

73's

KA9OFA Pancho

FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

Wednesday Exams

All Grades MRAC VEC *

Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm

Village at Manor Park (was Methodis Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK
1737 N. 116th St.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

or

c/o Les Peterson - W9YCV
9741 W. Howard
Greenfield, WI 53228

For more information call:

466-HAMS

Saturday Exams *

Last Saturday of Each Month

at 8:30 am

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

SWAT TEAM Exams *

2nd SAT of each month

at 1:00 pm

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building, downstairs and follow the signs.

For more info call:
KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998
or AA9DO - Joe Mettry (414)761-9219.

* Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies also the same for CSCE's you may have. Originals will be returned to you.

$5.00 charge for exams for ALL classes of license.

KA9MXM REVIEWS THE AUGUST 25th MEETING

Our last Meeting was held August 25th with an attendance of 45, including the following visitors: Hal - N9XBX and Peter - N9VBV Baumbach (father and son), Lynn and Marilynn Bye (XYL and mother of Byron Bye, Jr. - N9RTL respectively) Jerome Dobbs, Jacquie Horwitz, Doug Stephenson, Bette Schlesinger XYL of George - N9VMD, and Craig von Allmen,. This was a good attendance because in years past, we had no July or August meetings. Thirteen in attendance have signed up for the radio school this fall.

Our meeting started at 7:35 with the reading of the minutes by secretary Fred Linn W9NZF. Orville Stewart - KA9ONQ read the treasurer's report. Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP gave a report on the radio school. he is still looking for more help.

Our president, Ed Wille - W9PWG, passed the mike for introductions of the members and guests. He gave appreciation award to Byron Bye, Jr. - N9RTL for publicizing the Special Event in four area community newspapers. Others who received appreciation awards for their participation in setting up and operation of our Field Day event at Pioneer Village north of Cedarburg this year were:

Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU, our Field Day chairman,

Richard Villa - KA9CVL	Jerry Thompson - WA9SFH
Gordon Perow - N9EAV	William Tromblay - N9UNS
Joseph Stevens - W9GA	Roger Zaun - W9UVV
Ken Eggert - W9MOT	George Schlesinger - N9VMD
Dick Schlatterer - KA9MTY	Bette Schlesinger - XYL of N9VMD
Fred Linn - W9NZF	Travis Baird - W9VQD
Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA,	Robert Hensiak - N9VTN
Ed Wille - W9PWG	Tim Davis - N9VUV
Ted Stiller - WA9RDI	Stan Ellis

Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU and Ed Wille - W9PWG have our 2 meter repeater working quite well now and are seriously looking for a permanent(?) repeater site. Jim hopes to get the Club history done in time to get it into the QST magazine by Dec., 1994 or Jan., 1995.

Jim said that our Special Event station was on the air at least five hours. Earlier in the morning they inadvertently put up the 2 meter beam upside-down (which means the signal would be inverted?). The ten and forty meter bands were not at all good. Most of the contacts were made on the two and twenty meter bands. The two meter beam antenna worked well to our repeater in Milwaukee. About ninety calls were completed. Jim plans to have another special event station before Christmas (a sequel, so to speak to the one we had August 13). Jim brought out a framed picture of our first Club president, Dr. Loy S. Baird - 9HO for members to see along with a traveling microphone trophy, a framed proclamation signed by former governor Lee Dreyfus proclaiming May 17th as Amateur Radio Day in Wisconsin. He also showed a picture of an electric light sign on the Milwaukee City Hall showing "May 17th Amateur Radio Day."

Orv - KA9ONQ asked for donations to be used as door prizes for the Christmas party. He said that door prizes need not be radio or electronic oriented, almost anything will do. He wants at least fifty items, so everyone will get something.

Ed mentioned that his daughter Sue planned to surprise him at the Special Event (in Cedarburg) by planning a birthday party for him. Sue told him that she hid food for the party in the washing machine so he wouldn't catch on. In regard to the Christmas party, Ed said there was another party scheduled ahead of ours, but that it would be over before our starts, so we should get 100% attention from the waitresses. Ed sent an article & picture from CQ magazine around regarding the demise of the old Franklin antenna belonging to KDKA (a Pittsburgh, PA AM radio station). Sixty tons of radio tower steel was brought down in ten seconds to make room for a new antenna.

For the last 35 years Mount Mary College has had a starving artist's show every summer. Since the college has only two security guards, Ed offered to set up a two meter base station with MRAC volunteers with two meter HTs (hand held transceivers) to help with car traffic and parking on the college grounds and for emergency purposes. Those volunteering will get free tickets for spouses (or spice) and meals.

During a fifteen minute break, refreshments (home made brownies and cookies, soda, and coffee) were ably served up in the kitchen by Bette Schlesinger and Bessie Beider - N9QIT. Thank you ladies - - you made a big hit with everyone.

After break, Ed showed a video (taken by Roger Zaun - W9UVV) of the special event station. It was very entertaining to watch the e element beam go up. It took team work and it went up without a hitch (I beg your pardon I happen to know that several half hitch knots were used). The other views also were interesting. Thanks, Roger, you certainly do a marvelous job with your camcorder. Next Ed showed CQ magazine's video "Getting Started in VHF", which was entertaining and informative. George - N9VMD remarked on the Friday night net that his wife Bette really enjoyed watching the videos.

After the video, Bill Jones - KF9FA ran the raffle for the electronic goodies. The raffle was over at 9:50 pm. I heard nothing but good comments about the meeting on the net. It's really something to have an attendance of 45 at a summer meeting. Everyone went home happy. If you were not there, you missed a good meeting.

73's,

George - KA9MXM

George Philbert

REPEATER UPDATE

Because someone has been playing with our user codes to excess, they have been turned off for now. If you would like to test your key pad, please contact a control op. and he will turn it on for you.

The following members have repeater control ops.:

WB9LNU	W9PWG
W9NZF	W9UVV
N9UFJ	WB9BWP
N9RTL	KA9CVL
KE9LL	

Ed and I are learning daily on all the aspects of repeaters. The system limits are now a factor of location, not the equipment.

The board of directors will discuss the problems involved with moving the system to a better location soon. Some of our problems we must consider are:

1) Who can we rent a location from?
2) How much will the rent be and can the club afford it?
3) Can we get repeater coordination for the site?
4) Are there any sources of interference nearby?

This list goes on with twenty questions.

After all of this, there is still the question of repeater options and remote receiver sites. All of this makes an interesting challenge.

Jim - WB9LNU

SPECIAL INTEREST DAY - PART TWO

Because many members missed the opportunity to work or be part of our Special Interest 75th year station, we are going to do it for a second time.

The event will be Saturday October 8 from 8:30 am to approximately 3:30 pm at the samew location the Club used for Field Day and the Special Event Station Part One: Pioneer Village in Cedarburg.

Fred Linn has been kind enough to open the doors of the railroad depot once more and provide his time and effort to operate a CW station and see to it that we have a nice place to be (we will also have a SSB station set up for several different HAM bands).

Please, come this time and be a part of this event (if you can't be there, at least check in through the repeater on 147.045 MHz +.

Our working frequencies will be:

147.045 MHz + FM
14.250 MHz SSB
7.100 MHz CW
28.400 MHz SSB

Thanks,

73's Jim

Jim WB9LNU

WATCH LICENSE EXPIRATION DATES

That's right. Look at the expiration date on your license. It has been a past practice at tHE FCC that, when you upgraded your license, they automatically gave you ten years from the date of the upgrade. Not any more. Because of their moving everything to computers they are no longer doing it. So, Check it (your license) over.

MARCONI WIDOW DIES

The widow of Guglielmo Marconi has died. The Marchesa M. Cristina Bezzi Scali Died July 15, 1994, at age 94.

The Two were married in 1927. Marconi lived another 10 years, dying in 1937 at the age 63.

The couple had a daughter, Elettra, who was baptized by Cardinal Eugeni Pacelli, who would later become Pope Pius XII. Elettra's godmother was Elena di Savoia, queen of Italy.

According to Pat Ciancarini, 10KHP, Elettra will continue the family's work in preparing for "1995, Year of Guglielmo Marconi," the centennial celebration of Marconi's first wireless telegraph.

The funeral was held July 18. Among those attending were several bishops from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

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No Mistrakes Pleese

"What common mistakes do license candidates make when filling out the FCC Form-610?" I asked Volunteer Examiner KB9QL, Norm, of Oak Creek. Norm chuckles, "Putting today's date in t;he birth date entry box. I ask them' were you just born today!?' Another is entering a post office box in the address box, but then not describing directions to the transmitter location. There must be a transmitter location." Norm's got one good suggestion, "Think first, before you fill out your form." After all, there aren't many amateurs who have their rigs in a post office box.

Rich Regent, K9GDF

Pancho:

I thought you might need a space filler some time, so I don't want any Morse to grow under my feat in sending this to you! I have already drawn to the attention of all and sundry that the Morse code is being discontinued:

"The US Coast Guard is ending
Its use of Morse Code"

I didn't think I'd see the day
That Morse Code would be trashed
It's going to drive me dotty
That my frail hope has been dashed.

Ah yes, and so it goes-
W9NZF

JINGLE BELLS . . .

The MRAC CHRISTMAS PARTY IS ON IT'S WAY !

...and we promise it will be a dandy. It will be on Sunday Dec. 11th in the Francesca Room West at ALIOTO's Mayfair Rd. & Burleigh. Cocktails (Cash Bar)at 5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:30 .

Here are 3 delicious entree's to choose from.
Stuffed Pork Chop with Apple sauce / Baked Cod ,Tartar Sauce or Chicken Normandy a boneless chicken breast with stuffing and mushroom sauce . A salad, beverage and desert with all entrees.

...and only $ 17.00 per person - Alioto's is one of Milwaukee's finest. So - please send in this reservation form as soon as possible. Because we must tell them in advance of Entree quantities - there cannot be any attendance without prior reservation. Any questions feel free to phone Christmas Party chairman , Orv KA9ONQ at 527-2663. Home most mornings 'till 11 am. and after 5 pm. Ken Eggert and Travis Baird are also on committee.

RESERVATION - MRAC CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUN. DEC 11th,1994
NO TICKETS AT DOOR...DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THUR. DEC. 1st,1994

Make check out to MRAC - mail to MRAC/XMAS - PO BOX 25707-Mlw.WI 53225

Name:_____Call: _____ No. of Guests _____

Guests Names: _____ _____ _____

Entree choices:Baked Stuffed Pork Chop _____ Baked Chicken _____ Baked Cod _____

Enclosed is my check for $ _____[No. attending times $ 17.00 each]

Club Christmas Party - MRAC
75thBirthday Party

Alioto's Restaurant
December 11, 1994
Fransesca Room West
3041 N. Mayfair Rd. (Hwy 100 & Burleigh)
Wauwatosa, WI

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CLUB MEETINGS

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Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club
Last Thursdayof the month 7:30 p.m.
Wauwatosa Savings Bank
7500 W. State St.
Wauwatosa, WI

Ozaukee Radio Club
Second Wed. - 7:30 p.m.
Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center
Grafton, WI

West Allis Radio Amateur Club
Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

Menomonee Falls Amateur Club
Last TUE - 8:00p.m.
Security Savings and Loan
Menomonee, Falls, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of and almost under
the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact; Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

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CQ Third Tuesday
11:00 am
Skanda House
Hwy 100 & Oklahoma

Y'all come! to the
MRAC **HAM BREAKFAST**
every Saturday morning
at 8:30 o'clock.
Maxim's Restaurant
9143 W. Appleton Ave.
(corner of 91st St.
and Appleton Ave.
near Timmerman Field)
Prices are reasonable,
the **food - good,**
and the **company - excellent.**

First Friday Fish Fry
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma Ave.
Call: Warren - K9I2V
on th 146.91 - offset
for reservations by Noon on that FRI.

W9RH-10 &2 METER NETs
W9RH Ten Meter Net
FRI 8:45 PMat 28.4 MHz. SSB
Friday evenings at 9:15
2 meter FM repeater
at 147.045 + offset

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor **no later than the first of the month of publication**. If received after the first of the month, its **inclusion** in that month's edition **cannot be guaranteed.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:
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Milwaukee, WI 53208
You may also call me at;
344-4694.

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Thanks to our news contributors this month;

WB9BWP KA9MXM KA9ONQ
K9GDF W9NZF W9PWG
WB9LNU WA9SFH

MRAC Members who are celebrating
birthdays in October are;

Mel Amazitsch - WA9P2U
Melvin Bernstein - W9WZ
Robert Brown - - WA9TXU
Wendall Ciganek - W9SYT
Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA
Fred Eltsch - - - W9QMD
Thomas Gettleman - W9I2O
"Flash" Gordon - N9IOI
Joseph Harkness - W9GZR
Thomas Haart - - KG8AZ
Winfried Jusak - WB9RMC
Phillip Lehman - - KB9FOQ
Doyg Pavek - - - - W9FDX
Vern Petersen - - - W9PGL
George Pfister - - - W9I2Q
John Picchiolo - - KA9FVC
Orv Stewart - - - KA9ONQ
Jim Tromblay Jr - WB9LNU

Happy Birthday!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* Signifies VE Testing

MRAC
Second Chance Special Event
SAT - OCT 6, 1994
Pioneer Village - 10 mi north of Cedarburg, WI on county Hwy "I"

K.M.R.A. ComputerFair and Hamfest - *
SUN - OCT 23rd, 1994
Waukesha Cty. EXPO Center
Waukesha, WI
T/I 147.39 + Rptr

HAMFEST Minnesota &
Computer Expo.
SAT - OCT 29, 1994
St. Paul Civic Center
St. Paul, MN

FRIENDLYFEST - *
SAT NOV 5, 1994
Waukesha Expo Center
Waukesha, WI
T/I on 146.91-

Fox Cities Hamfest
SUN - NOV6, 1994
Starlite Club
Appleton WI

Fort Wayne HamFest
SAT - NOV 19 &
SUN NOV 20, 1994
Allen county War Memorial
Coliseum Expo Center
Ft Wayne, IN
T/I on146.88 - Rptr

MRAC Christmas Party
SUN - DEC 11, 1994
Alioto's on Hwy 100 & Burleigh

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To get YOUR SWAPFEST or other event into Hamateur Chatter
Send Flier or write to:
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or 466-HAMS

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MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB

P.O. Box 25707
Milwaukee, WI 53225

Join in Our 2nd Chance Special Event
October 8,1994
Pioneer Village - Cedarburg, WI

Celebrating
75 Years !
of Continuous Club Activity.

THIS MEETING
THU-SEPT29, 1994

October MEETING
THU- Oct.27 ,1994

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